

**Northeast Minnesota ATP  
Steering Committee Meeting  
June 18, 2012  
Duluth International Airport**

**Members Present**

Walter Leu  
John Welle  
Paul Bergman  
Dave Christy  
Dave Betts  
Cindy Voigt  
Al Goodman  
David Salo  
Wayne Olson  
Dennis Jensen  
Bob Manzoline  
Ron Chicka  
Jim Foldesi  
Mark LeBrun  
Jim Rohweder

**Others**

Bryan Anderson  
Scott Johnson  
John Minor  
Nancy Sannes  
Rex Bordson  
Jon Mason  
Robert Herling  
Duane Hill

**Representing**

MnDOT  
Aitkin County  
Lake County  
Itasca County  
Cook County  
Duluth  
Lake County  
Hermantown  
Carlton County  
DTA  
Regional Rail Authority  
Duluth MPO  
St. Louis County  
Pine County  
Proctor/MIC

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ARDC  
MIC  
MnDOT

**John Welle called the meeting to order at 10:31.**

**Committee Business**

Walter Leu/Jim Foldesi motioned to approve the March 6<sup>th</sup> meeting summary. The motioned carried.

**Local Program**

Walter Leu reviewed the FY 2012 local program (handout) and discussed each project's status. Highlights of the local program include:

- Phiefer Road project in Carlton will not meet 2012 construction.
- Bearhead State Park segment of the Mesabi Trail will be constructed in the summer of 2013.
- St. Louis CSAH 7 has July 7<sup>th</sup> letting.
- Stewart Creek has Scenic Byway money and Duluth is hopeful it will go this summer
- Air Guard Road project will not happen this summer.
- New railroad signals will be put in on TH 61 later this summer.

## 2013 program

- Leu mentioned that the deadline for project memos is April 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Now is the time to look at federal funding swaps. Chisholm project would be a good candidate project for a federal funding swap with St. Louis County.
- Once the safety plans are complete a meeting will occur to determine the best way to program/select HSIP projects.
- Very important that locals review the STIP and make sure everything is correct such as project distance and project descriptions.

## **State Program**

Nancy Sannes reviewed the FY 2012 Mn/DOT program (handout). Sannes reported that the program is generally in good shape.

## 2013

District One funds are over programmed by \$7-9 million in 2013. Several projects will be delayed to accommodate the overage. Bridge painting projects on I-35 will be moved out to 2015. Other projects that are being considered to be deferred are TH 169 mill and overlay in Nashwauk, TH 73 overlay, TH 169 (Eagles Nest Project), and TH 53 overlays.

## **Enhancements**

Jon Mason provided an overview of the Enhancement process for 2017 projects. Mason mentioned that the Enhancements solicitation will occur in August.

## **Other Business**

Dennis Jensen updated Steering Committee members on the new bus terminal. DTA received \$16 million from FTA through a program called the state of good repair. \$8 million in state bonding was received and the remaining amount of the \$27 million project is local and private funds. Anticipated construction is for 2013.

A bikeable community workshop will be held at the ARDC offices on June 26<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM- 3:00 PM.

## **Next meeting**

The next meeting will be scheduled for mid-October.

## **Adjournment**

Cindy Voigt/Leu motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 and a tour of the new Duluth International Airport Terminal was given.